

FATHERS BY THE PEOPLE

BEWARE THE SILENT MAN.

By Ella K. Dearborn.

Instinctively one distrusts a silent person, and this is well, for there is no possibility of understanding them; and it is doubtful if they understand themselves. Their silence leads you to wrong conclusions. They know this, but are too clam-like to say a word that will set you straight, even though they are the ones to be injured by an error in your judgment. You struggle to interpret their silence, which may be shyness—though not likely. It may be silliness—but what about?

If you have deluded yourself with the idea that there is a warm heart under the icy exterior and the teeming brain veiled by silence, away with the delusion, for a warm heart will make itself manifest, and the active brain will not be found by silence. Thoughts find their way into words just as surely as the river finds the ocean. No matter how great a sacrifice you may make in order to do an act of kindness to a silent man or woman, a distressful state is the token of acceptance, and you do not know whether the silent one is struggling to express thanks or is trying not to kill you for your goodness.

These people have not stamina enough to be either very good or very bad. They are unreliable in a business way and socially they are bores and nuisances, and the wife of a silent man is always unhappy; all efforts to please him are met with that impenetrable silence that hurts worse than a blow, and yet, since he has not beaten his wife with his fists or a club, he would claim to be kind.

Speech is nature's special gift to man, all other faculties are shared in common with lower animals; to mankind alone is given the power of clothing thoughts in words. Silence but think, vels one's lack of thought. Beware of the silent person!

CLASS DISTINCTIONS IN CHURCH.

By Bishop Potter.

I deplore the formation of castes in communities, the dividing of people into little cliques who affect to be superior to those outside them. The attitude of the Christian Church should be—disregard all questions of caste, the point where our religion differs greatly from all other great systems of theology, doctrine and philosophy, is that all people are alike in the sight of God. There is no place for caste and caste distinctions in the Christian Church, yet, unfortunately, it is fast growing here.

In America, you will hear women and men tell you not so much who they know and with whom they associate as those whom they will not or do not care to know. It is a ridiculous condition here in democratic America. The people who are thus considered "impossible" are not so from any evil line; they are simply "not of our set." Such an idea and such a system has no place in this land. I want you to consider a minute how different this spirit is from that which actuated the character of Hiram whose fine procession in the Holy Land to-day is much the same as was that one when our Lord raised the son of the widow of Nain. If meant a loss of caste; a deplorable to touch a dead person; yet our Lord not only

"FIGHTING BOB" EVANS.

Report that He Must Soon Raise the White Flag in Life's Battle.

The report that Admiral Bob Evans is about to retire from the navy because of ill health has sent a thrill of sympathy and regret through the country. Scores of telegrams and even cables have been received at the marine department asking us to the truth of the report and expressing high regard for "Fighting Bob."

Hobley Dunington was the name given him at his birth, Aug. 18, 1840, over 60 years ago. But he is "Fighting Bob" to the American people.

He is a born fighter. At 6 he was handling a gun. At 13 he was on his way across the western plains to acquire a residence at Salt Lake City. He had been promised an appointment to Annapolis if he became a resident of the Utah city.

On the way the emigrant train was attacked by Indians. "Bob" was learned to stay under cover when the fight began. When the Indians had been beaten back an arrow pinning Bob's right leg to the mule he rode showed how he had obeyed the order. He had been in the thickest of the melee. The arrow had to be cut between his leg and the pony's side before he could dismount.

When the Civil War broke out young Evans, then at Annapolis, had a heart-breaking problem to decide. His mother was an ardent secessionist. His brother did not hesitate but denied the

stopped the procession rather than passing down a side street, as we would be apt to do, but actually took the dead youth by the hand, risking what meant much to an Oriental. On the other hand, we have a list of those we do not care to associate with, because they do not belong to our particular class of society.

Never has there been a time when there was greater need of more enlightened and a more Christian way of living. Conditions in America are such that it is impossible to follow the ideas of the founders of the land. The early Puritans had certain ideas which would be simply ludicrous were we to try to live up to them. We must add new standards.

SOCIAL PROGRESS DEPENDS ON INDIVIDUAL.

By Jeremiah W. Jenks.

We may not expect an immediate revolution in moral ideals—or in business practices. But we may hope for steady improvement. Measures suggested favor greater publicity in business management—in itself a measure of reform.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, MAR. 7.

Gov. Warner appointed Henry M. Zimmerman, of Pontiac, state bank commissioner to succeed George W. Moore, of Port Huron. M. J. McLeod of Detroit was reappointed state labor commissioner.

The state spring election is only three weeks distant. While there may seem to be no important issues involved in the results of the coming election, the local and county and state officers to be elected on that day are of the largest possible importance to the voters of the townships and villages and cities and to the state as a whole.

The Jamestown exposition bill went through the senate with an appropriation of thirty thousand dollars, while the house cut down to twenty thousand, and the senate has concurred. Twenty-five thousand was the figure for the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis. Another bill appeared in the house Thursday, appropriating seventy-five thousand dollars for the Alaska Yukon Pacific exposition at Seattle, two years hence.

The bill now being considered by the legislature relative to the use of pure seeds as an aid to the farmers in preventing the fouling of their fields and meadows with noxious weeds, will have a two-fold value in case it becomes a law. It will be important and helpful to the users of seeds to be assured that no further danger from that source exists, and the law will also serve to call the attention of farmers to the state-wide interest and value attaching to the extermination of weeds. Many questions touching the affairs of government and state over which there is almost endless discussion are of far less importance to the people of Michigan in dollars and in the matter of work and worry than this question of the prevention and extermination of weeds on the farms.

In Ridgway, Dec. 29, M. E. Pool gave a picture of the young man who listened to the call of the city: "I spent," says the youth, "eighty-one nights in a cheap lodging house, hunting from daylight to dark for a job. I tried as clerk, mechanician, janitor, and a score of other want ads, in the papers. I was often before the day broke, but I always found from a dozen to a hundred already in line. I found them (what I've proved since) that most of the seventy thousands who walk Chicago's streets shivering for a job were no more loafers than I was, but just workmen, clerks and country youngsters. He got work digging in a tunnel. He lost it through sickness. His advice to the boy who is tempted citywards is, 'Don't.'"

In order to study the saloon problem at first hand an eastern minister donned the habiliments of a tramp and spent several weeks hanging around liquor shops. Then he returned to his congregation and told them a few things. He told them that the saloon keeper found it a good investment to maintain a watering trough, for while the horses were drinking the teamster stopped in and got one for himself. The saloon doors were always open, and a hungry man could always find food therein. He told them that the saloon keeper was always kindly always sympathetic and always ready to help. Then he wound up by saying: "For \$500 men join exclusive political and social clubs on the avenue of the metropolis. For \$8 some men join the Young Men's Christian Association clubs; but for 5 cents the multitude of men whom only God and the saloon keeper and the ward boss know, nightly join the one democratic club in American life, the American saloon." His conclusion was that if the saloon is to be eradicated, it must be done by substituting for it something that will furnish the social element so craved by men without mixing with it the ill of the saloon.

The Yankee cement wins the blue ribbon, excelling any European make. It is predicted that during 1907 the demand for Portland cement will exceed the supply. Egypt probably was the home of the early cement makers, 4,000 years ago. But their art perished, the result was the so called Roman cement, intermediate between Portland and natural cement of today. They used it for building walls, vaults, roadbeds, and the like. But their art was a secret, and perished with them, and apparently had no imitators before Col. John Smeaton. He was a celebrated English engineer who in 1750 discovered that a certain limestone containing a certain percentage of clay produced a cement when calcined. He called the cement improved hydraulic lime. Smeaton risked his reputation as an engineer and showed his faith in his discovery by using the cement for the famous Eddystone lighthouse. Its foundations today are a monument not only to the quality of the cement but also of the engineer, his ability and courage. The work was finished in 1759 and has withstood the fiercest storms for a century and a half unharmed. This is the beginning of the modern ce-

The Salvation Army has organized an anti-suicide bureau at Philadelphia. A Philadelphia dispatch to the New York World says: "Seven persons bent on suicide already have had their burdens of woe lifted through the anti-suicide bureau of the Salvation Army in this city, which has only been in business three days. A chauffeur from France was the first applicant. He could not make prospective employers believe in him. He could not speak English and he was slowly starving to death. In a dime lodging house he heard a fellow countryman talking about the suicide bureau, and believing it was a place where decent burial was assured those who ended it all, he went to register himself for a coffin. The suicide agent in charge of the bureau took him in charge, had his abilities proved at a nearby garage and then sought agents for French autos who might want a man familiar with French machines. His pawned clothing was redeemed and he was put to work with all thoughts of suicide banished from his mind. A woman of the streets was the next candidate. Two Salvation lasses took her in tow. They took her to a nearby restaurant and fed her, and then talked of the work she was to do. She never had thought of work. Who would hire her? The lasses knew persons who would give her shelter and food and clothes and some day money for work. She is working now. These two cases are typical. All the others were helped the same way. There is no preaching, no red tape about this suicide war. It is a simple proposition to remove the cause."

Important Decisions.

The Supreme court of the United States has just handed down several decisions in railroad cases that are of great importance. The first decision affirms the right of the State Railroad commission of Texas to fix freight rates on all shipments made wholly within the state limits. The second sustains the state of Nebraska in its tax rate on property of all railroads lying within the state. The third holds that railroads in Kansas can not own and operate coal and other mineral properties contrary to the provision of the state constitution. These three decisions are victorious for the people.

Broadly interpreted these decisions sustain both state and Federal control of railroads. The state may fix rates to be charged on shipments within its boundaries; the United States can fix rates on shipments in interstate commerce. Again, the state can tax railroad property for its uses; the United States can, if necessary, require tax railroads for government purposes. Still again, the state can compel railroad companies to abide by its laws regulating railroad ownership and control of natural resources; the United States has powers in the same direction. All this means that while the authority and power of states is confined to their limitations, the authority and power of the Federal government supplements and completes control and regulation.

No more important decisions have been rendered for a long time. Not only do they sustain states and state railroad commissions, but they sustain the Interstate Commerce commission in the work that is now doing. Coming at this time, these decisions are particularly gratifying because so many states are engaged in fixing not only freight rates, but passenger rates. If states can make freight rates, they certainly can make passenger rates.

Both were Cured.

Mrs. Bartlett, Cumberland, Wyo., says: "My oldest daughter suffered months with a severe cough. My baby had the croup. After trying many remedies, we used Warner's White Wine of Tar. Both are cured. For sale at Central Drug Store."

British and American Clubs.
Where London consumes 90,000,000 gallons of water a day, New York consumes 500,000,000. Where London has an area of 118 square miles, New York has 326.

Desert Reclaiming Its Own.
Bukhara, the most populous part of Turkestan, is gradually being changed into a desert by the incursions of the sand dunes.

Fish Staple Japanese Diet.
The Japanese eat more fish than any other people in the world. With them, meat-eating is a foreign innovation.

Prevent Goids and Rheumatism.
You do not have enough exercise or fresh air to keep you healthy. Eat your vegetables, fruits, and grains. Eat your proteins, carbohydrates, and fats, so that they do the work nature intended.

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To guard your home against the unseen dangers of food products, the Government has enacted a pure food law. The law compels the manufacturers of baking powder to print the ingredients on the label of each can.

The Government has made the label your protection—so that you can avoid alum—read it carefully, if it does not say pure cream of tartar, hand it back and

Say plainly—
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Michigan Anti-Saloon League.

Last Sunday, Rev. Geo. W. Morrow, Superintendent of the Michigan Anti-Saloon League, held two meetings in this village, in the M. E. Church in the morning and in the Presbyterian Church in the evening, as previously advertised. The morning meeting was not as largely attended as anticipated, the absence of business being, most particularly noticeable, but there were more present in the evening.

These were not temperance meetings, or lectures, as many anticipated, but a plain statement of the object, aim and plan of the work of the League, as outlined by their State Board of Trustees who are elected by and representative of the entire federated churches of the state, both protestant and catholic, and of the Grange and Farmer's clubs, all of whom are working professionally at least, for the uplifting of society and protection of our homes.

The League is absolutely non-partisan in political lines, but aim to impress the voters of the state that only such men will be nominated for or elected to office, as will stand for the strict enforcement of the laws relating to the liquor traffic, as it is now written, or as it may hereafter be minded.

A bill has been drawn, and introduced in the Senate, and is now in the hands of the Senate committee on Liquor Traffic, which marks the next great step proposed by the League. It is in fact but an amendment to the local option law, or an addition. The present law makes a county the unit, while this bill, if passed will make a village, a township or a voting precinct of a city the unit, a majority of the voters of which may say whether or no a saloon may be kept within that district. In short it gives the people the right of self-government and protection in this regard. For instance, in a voting precinct in the residence district of a city, a saloon might be very objectionable to nearly every family, while but few would object to their running in the business districts. The present law can not control their location in the county unless all be prohibited, while the proposed law would give the right to the people of these smaller districts to decide.

Mr. Morrow is a very pleasing and eloquent speaker who knows whereof he speaks, and his work will aid greatly in the education of the people toward learning how to meet this greatest menace to our nation. If the evil can not be at once entirely eradicated, let it be wisely and intelligently controlled.

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Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, MAR. 7.

Local and Neighborhood News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are one dollar per year in ADVANCE. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondences, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

READER!

Please look at the date after the address on this paper, and see if it is followed by a X. If so, your subscription is due, unless I have made a mistake in my book keeping. If I have, please notify me at once. If I am right send me your dollar. It will not be much to you, but 800 of them will be a lot to me and will make my creditors happy. Do not put it off, but do it NOW!

Don't forget the date of the Fair.

Look at the useful and fancy articles at the Fair.

A full line of Easter Post Cards await your inspection at Sorenson's.

Go to C. J. Hathaway for scientific optical work. Eyes examined free.

Be sure and bring your pocket book to the Fair.

Highest market price paid for hides PYM BROS.

Ice cream and cake at the Fair in the afternoon 10c.

25 lbs. puffs of International Stock Food \$5.00 at Fournier's Drug Store.

Don't forget to get your supper at the Fair. Fifteen cents pays the bill.

The watch repairing done at Hathaway's.

If you want an apron, wait and buy it at the Fair. All kinds and sizes.

James Campbell has discharged the railroad company and now proposes to enjoy his farm near Standish.

A few Harrison sleighs left, light and heavy. Price low to close them out.

OF PALMER.

Cold Breakers will cure your cold dry it. For sale at Fournier's Drug Store.

Look up our subscription offers, and arrange for your next years reading at once.

Fresh butter and eggs just received from the country.

H. PETERSEN.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price, call at the AVALANCHE office.

J. Leahy, the optician will soon be here again. For date see ad in this issue.

If you want a cup of good coffee and a mouthful of cake, you can get it at the Fair in the afternoon for only 10c.

One-fourth off on all Ladies' Muslim Underwear and Skirts, for thirty days at H. & C. Co.'s store.

Four lots on Brink's addition, in very desirable location for sale cheap, as the owner desires to go at once, Call on or address.

MRS. FRED MILLER.

The Ladies' Union of the Presbyterian church will hold their annual Easter Fair in the basement of the church, March 20 and 21.

The bill which passed both houses dividing the township of Frederic into two voting precincts is signed by the governor and is now a law. The citizens of Deward will be pleased,

March 8 the Ladies' Aid will serve a 10c lunch at the home of Mrs. A. L. Pond from 3 o'clock until 7:30. Every body invited. The Ladies' Aid will begin their regular business at 2:30 o'clock.

H. G. Holbrook wants the party who found a heavy mitten which he lost over a week ago on the street to give it to him or call and get the mitten back, as one is no good to either party.

Special prices on shirt waists (plain and fancy) during the month of March. Now is the time to have your summer sewing done. Always first class work and reasonable prices. Mrs. George Young, next door to Frank Tatu's.

If you want a dinner set absolutely free, call at the store of Salling, Hanson and Company.

Friday afternoon, March the 8, is the date when J. Leahy, the optician will again be here, and will remain until Monday evening, at Dr. Inley's office.

F. C. Jennings wishes to inform the people of Grayling, that he can only take orders for nursery stock until the 16 of this month, stock to be delivered in April or May. If he has missed any one, and they wish anything in his line, drop him a card and he will call for your order.

During one year, the people of the United States spent \$174,965,625 for newspapers, school books, and juvenile, reading, magazines, periodicals, novels, technical and miscellaneous printed matter. Compare this with the drink bill of that year, \$1,249,191, 553.

Caudy Party see Sorenson's ad.

For pure candy come to Sorenson's. Born, March 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Eastman, a daughter.

Special close out of lace curtains at Sorenson's.

A good new milk cow for sale. Enquire at this office.

✓ Miss Grace Jennings, one of our last summer graduates, is stenographer for Scott Bros. Electrical Co., Detroit.

Paul Miller offers his house for sale. It is in fine condition and located near the new flooring mill on the south side of the river. Price right.

✓ Carl Collier, who has taken a position as fireman in the Bay City yards was home Tuesday for a day's visit. He is well pleased with his job.

✓ A fire in West Branch Tuesday morning, destroyed \$10,000.00 worth of seeds, for the Evans Co., who had but slight insurance. The fire caught from the office stove.

✓ Miss Alma Peck has since New Years day, while convalescent from illness, completed a quilt containing 4,200 pieces and about 170,000 stitches. All hand work.

FOR SALE—As good a work team as there is in the county. Weight about 2,700 pounds, with harness and wagon. Can be bought right. Enquire at this office.

The Ladies' Union of the Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. Baker, Friday, March 8, at 2 o'clock. All the ladies please come prepared for work.

Mrs. Delevan Smith and Mrs. Freedland drove over to see Mrs. A. Cross and Mrs. J. Little, who are convalescing from their severe illness, one day last week, and left a beautiful bouquet to cheer them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stillwell have returned from a month's vacation, visiting at Lansing, Owosso, Kalamazoo and other points. While they have thoroughly enjoyed the outing, they are glad to be back in the "Best Town."

Last Monday was the day for the execution of pension certificates of the current quarter and about forty of the old comrades were promptly on hand. It will add over \$1,200.00 to the currency of this county within the week.

Mrs. H. C. Oshorno has returned from Chicago. We suppose she has learned all the latest twists for ribbons and curl for feathers, which will please the ladies but the poor men are quite as they think of their purse strings.

An even dozen of our old soldiers have taken advantage of the act of Feb. 6, giving them additional pension on account of age, which will add \$425.00 each quarter to the pay roll here, and they are not half in yet.

It is but simple justice to the veterans.

Any of our citizens who desire to donate articles for sale at the Patriotic Fair to be given by the Ladies' Union of the Presbyterian church will find them to be given to the residence of Mrs. N. R. Robinson, President, for arrangement and marking.

Twenty-five of our little folks met at Rev. Palmer's Monday afternoon to help Miss "ren" celebrate her third birthday. It was a jolly, happy crowd and the occasion thoroughly enjoyed by all—but perhaps by no more than by the Pastor and his wife.

Axel Michelson arrived here from Monroe, La., Sunday morning, to meet with the officers of the Grayling Lumber Co., who bought the big plant there. He reported progress, and started back Tuesday, to complete the clearing up, and inauguration of business.

Non-puritan movements in Michigan have usually been so directed as to provide for the election of democrat candidates by republican majorities. If this situation can not be reversed for a while it at least should be so amended as to provide for the election of republicans by republicans so long as nothing is lost to the township, county or city through so doing.

At the Citizens' census Feb. 27, the following persons were nominated for the village offices for the ensuing year:

President—John F. Hum.

Clerk—Hans Peter Olson.

Treasurer—Holger Hanson.

Members of Village Council—Lucien Fournier, Charles Clark, Albert Kraus.

Assessor—Fred Narren.

A farmer named Howard A. Cockley, near Lewiston, sold his farm, and last Friday loaded a car with his horses, carriage and implements, consigned to a town in Ohio, and went through here with the car, which reached Detroit Saturday with broken axle.

The stock was cared for by the R. R. Co., and inquiry started to find the man, who was located here Sunday in care of Sheriff Amidon. He was discovered early in the morning near Horrigan, three miles south, by section crew, wandering about the woods and crazy, who reported to the Sheriff and he brought him in. Both feet were badly frozen.

How to Remain Young.

To continue young in health and strength do Mrs. N. E. Rowan, McDonough, Ga., did. She says: "Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured me of chronic liver and stomach trouble, complicated with such an unhealthy condition of the blood that my skin turned red as flame. I am now practically 20 years younger than before. I took Electric Bitters. I can now do all my work with ease and assist in my husband's store." Guaranteed at L. Fournier's Drug Store. Price 50c.

OIL AND GAS FIELDS.

Discovered in Warren, Beaverton and Tobacco Townships. Refinery to be built.

The Coleman Independent gives the following particulars of big oil discovery in Midland and Gladwin counties.

S. O. J. Barber and his associates from Pittsburgh, who have been following the oil veins from California eastward through Kansas, Kentucky and Indiana and who have been the leaders in opening the great oil fields in Canada and the United States, have been in this locality, studying the conditions and soil-formations, and after making several preliminary tests, they have decided that they have located the next great oil and gas producing fields just north of Coleman in Warren, Beaverton and Tobacco townships. They claim that there is a natural divide two miles north of Coleman, which separates the oil from the salt brine. These gentlemen have traversed the whole region during the past two months and may secured leases of nearly all the land in Beaverton and Tobacco townships, and they are now securing leases in other parts of Gladwin County and in the northern part of Midland County.

They propose to commence operations at once and put down at least one 13-inch test hole before spring, to the depth of about 2,000 feet, and then continuing to drill on their leases until a good oil flow is found.

The company has opened offices in Beaverton, and it is the co-operation of Gladwin and Beaverton.

Mr. Barber says they will probably build a refinery at Coleman to save the expense of a long pipe line to the southern fields.

"The Queen City Brand is made with Pure Sweet Centres and covered with a Rich Milk Chocolet Coating, making this a delightful eating confection.

A fresh line can always be had at

USE

SLEEPY EYE FLOUR

Superior to any other
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CONNINE & CO.

PURITY!

But very little thought is given to the Purity of Confections.

All Confections now made must conform to the New Pure Food Law.

The S. B. & A. line of Chocolets are made in a factory where Cleanliness Reigns.

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Sorenson's Candy Counter.

Homeseekers Excursions

[OFFICIAL.]

Grayling, March 4, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council convened at the Court House.

J. P. Huon, President in the chair.

Present: Trustees Fournier, Peterson, Amidon, and McTullough.

Absent: Michelson and Comine.

Meeting called to order by the President.

Motion of the preceding meeting read and approved.

Motion and supported that the report of the Finance Committee be accepted and orders drawn for the severest amounts. Motion carried.

[REPORT.]

To the Hon. President and members of the Common Council of the village of Grayling.

GIESLER: Your Committee on Claims and Accounts would recommend that the following bills be allowed, as follows:

NAMES. CLAIMS ALLOWED.

1. S. H. & C. M. H. \$115.85 \$115.83

2. Grayling Elec. Co. 64.15 63.40

3. 64.05 63.65

4. J. Nelson snowplow's 9.00 9.00

5. F. E. Douglas & Co. 4.00 4.00

term work on streets 4.00 4.00

6. H. Hanson tax receipts 2.75 2.75

[Signed]

C. O. McCollough, H. Peterson.

Finance Committee.

The committee then proceeded to settle with the treasurer, and motion was made to make final settlement March 17, 1907. Motion Carried.

On motion the Common Council adjourned.

H. P. OLSON, Village Clerk.

[Local Existing.]

Fifteen days to which journey, unless the model and gives temporary relief, but irritates and weakens the digestive organs, an alternative truth is soon inferred. They now prefer to take a walk in the air, and the exercise is soon fully restored.

Exercise is the best medicine for the permanent cure by perfectly safe and comfortable.

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One Year	\$1.00
Six Months	.50
Three Months	.25

Entered as second-class matter at the Postoffice at Grayling, Mich., under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, MAR. 7

Gov. Warner, appointed Henry M. Zimmerman, of Pontiac, state bank commissioner to succeed George W. Moore, of Port Huron. M. J. McLeod of Detroit was re-appointed state labor commissioner.

The state spring election is only three weeks distant. While there may seem to be no important issues involved in the results of the coming election, the local and county and state officers to be elected on that day are of the largest possible importance to the voters of the townships and villages and cities and to the state as a whole.

The Jamestown exposition bill went through the senate with an appropriation of thirty thousand dollars, while the house cut down to twenty thousand, and the senate has concurred. Twenty-five thousand was the figure for the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis. Another bill appeared in the house Thursday, appropriating seventy-five thousand dollars for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle, two years hence.

The bill now being considered by the legislature relative to the use of pure seeds as an aid to the farmers in preventing the fouling of their fields and in reducing the cost of weeds, will have a two-fold value in case it becomes a law. It will be helpful and helpful to the users of seeds to be assured that no further danger from that source exists, and the law will also serve to call the attention of farmers to the state-wide interest and value attaching to the extermination of weeds. Many questions touching the affairs of government and state over which there is almost endless discussion are of far less importance to the people of Michigan in dollars, and in the matter of work and worry than this question of the prevention and extirpation of weeds on the farms.

In Ridgway, Dec. 29, M. E. Poole gave a picture of the young man who listened to the call of the city: "I spent," says the young man, "seventy nights in a cheap lodging house, hunting from daylight to dark for a job. I tried for clerk, mechanic, janitor, and a score of other want ads in the papers. Every night before the day break, but I always found from the dozen to a hundred already in line. I found then (what I've proved since) that most of the seventy thousands who walk Chicago's streets shivering for a job were no more hoppers than I was, but just workmen, clerks and country youngsters. He got work digging in a tunnel. He lost it through sickness. His advice to the boy who is tempted citywards is, 'Don't.'"

In order to study the saloon problem at first hand an eastern minister donned the garments of a tramp and spent several weeks hanging around liquor shops. Then he returned to his congregation and told them a few things. He told them that the saloon keeper found it a good investment to maintain a watering trough for while the horses were drinking the teamster stopped if and got one for himself. The saloon doors were always open and a hungry man could always find food therein. He told them that the saloon keeper was always kindly, always sympathetic, and always ready to help. Then he wound up by saying: "For \$500 men join exclusive political and social clubs on the avenue of the metropolis. For \$5 some men join the Young Men's Christian Association clubs, but for 5 cents the multitude of men whom only God and the saloon keeper and the hard boss know, nightly join the one democratic club in American life, the American saloon." His conclusion was that if the saloon is to be eradicated it must be done by substituting for it something that will furnish the social element so craved by men without mixing with the ills of the saloon.

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Mrs. Bartlett, Cumberland, Wyo., says:—My oldest daughter suffered with a severe cough. My baby had the croup. After trying many remedies, we used Warner's White Wine of Tar. Both are cured. For sale at Central Drug Store.

British and American Cities.
Where London consumes 90,000,000 gallons of water a day, New York consumes 500,000,000. Where London has an area of 118 square miles, New York has 326.

Desert Reclaiming Its Own.
Bochard, U. S. most populous part of Turkistan is gradually being changed into a desert by the incursions of the sand dunes.

Fish Staple Japanese Diet.
The Japanese eat more fish than any other people in the world. With them, meat eating is a foreign innovation.

Prevent Cold and Rheumatism.
You do not have unnatural, easy movement of your system, therefore you cannot have colds or rheumatism.

Proposals Wanted.
The County Commissioners for the poor will receive proposals for the professional service and medicine for the county poor for the ensuing year, until the second Wednesday in April, the right being reserved to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Board.

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The Salvation Army has organized an anti-suicide bureau at Philadelphia. A Philadelphia dispatch to the New-York World says: "Seven persons bent on suicide already have had their burdens of woe lifted through the anti-suicide bureau of the Salvation Army in this city, which has only been in business three days. A chauffeur from France could not make prospective employers believe in him. He could not speak English and he was slowly starving to death. In a quiet lodging house he heard a fellow countryman talking about the suicide bureau, and believing it was a place where decent burial was assured, those who ended it all, he went to register himself for a coffin. The suicide agent in charge of the bureau took him in charge, had his abilities proved at a nearby garage and then sought agents for French autos who might want a man familiar with French machines. His pawned clothing was redeemed and he was put to work with all thoughts of suicide banished from his mind. A woman of the streets was the next candidate. Two Salvation lassies took her in tow. They took her to a nearby restaurant and fed her, and then talked of the work she was to do. She never had thought of work. Who would hire her? The lassies knew persons who would give her shelter and food and clothes and some day money for work. She is working now. These two cases are typical. All the others were helped the same way. There is no preaching, no red tape about this suicide war. It is a simple proposition to remove the cause."

Important Decisions.

The Supreme Court of the United States has just handed down several decisions in railroad cases that are of great importance. The first decision affirms the right of the State Railroad Commission of Texas to fix freight rates on all shipments made wholly within the state limits. The second sustains the state of Nebraska in its tax rate on property of all railroads lying within the state. The third holds that railroads in Kansas can not own and operate coal and other mineral properties contrary to the provision of the state constitution. These three decisions are constitutionally binding on the states.

Broadly interpreted these decisions sustain both state and Federal control of railroads. The state may fix rates to be charged on shipments within its boundaries; the United States can fix rates on shipments in interstate commerce. Again, the state can tax railroad property for its uses; the United States can, if necessity requires, tax railroads for government purposes. Still again, the state can compel railroad companies to abide by its laws regulating railroad ownership and control of natural resources; the United States has powers in the same direction. All this means that while the authority and power of states is confined to their limitations, the authority and power of the federal government supplements and completes control and regulation.

No more important decisions have been rendered, for a long time. Not only do they sustain states and state railroad commissions, but they sustain the interstate Commerce Commission in the work that it is now doing. Coming at this time, these decisions are particularly gratifying because so many states are engaged in fixing not only freight rates, but passenger rates. If states can make freight rates they certainly can make passenger rates.

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Saved her Son's Life.
The happiest mother in the little town of Ava, Mo., is Mrs. S. Ruppel. She writes: "One year ago my son was born with much serious lung trouble that our physician was unable to help him; when, by our druggist's advice I began giving him Dr. King's New Discovery and soon noticed an improvement. I kept this treatment up for a few weeks when he was perfectly well. He has worked steadily since as carpenter work. Dr. King's New Discovery saved his life." Guaranteed best cement and coloratura by Fournier, Druggist. \$20 and \$1.00 trial bottle free.

Our Bakery did not prove a successful business venture and Mr. Buckley packed up last week and returned to Wolverine.

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TO GUARD SHIPS against the unseen dangers at sea, the United States Government maintains lighthouses.

To guard your home against the unseen dangers of food products, the Government has enacted a pure food law. The law compels the manufacturers of baking powder to print the ingredients on the label of each can.

The Government has made the label your protection—so that you can avoid alum—read it carefully, if it does not say pure cream of tartar hand it back and say plainly—

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ROYAL is a pure, cream of tartar baking powder—a pure product of grapes— aids the digestion—adds to the healthfulness of food.

Excellent Low-Priced Coffee.

"Mo-Ka" Put Up by The Smart & Fox Company, Saginaw, Mich.

Well pleased are the managers of hotels, restaurants and boarding houses and all who are large buyers of coffee, who have investigated the merits of "Mo-Ka," the excellent and low priced brand of coffee put up by the Smart & Fox Company, whole sale grocers and coffee roasters, Saginaw, Mich. Housekeepers of moderate means will find in "Mo-Ka" all they can wish for in a satisfactory coffee, at a saving of expense.

"Mo-Ka" is becoming universally popular. Carefully selected, well-cleaned, artistically-blended, and put up in elegant packages, "Mo-Ka" afford all who wish a cup of good coffee an article at a very low price. The sale of this brand is steadily increasing, as might be expected.

It must be borne in mind that "Mo-Ka" coffee has no affinity with the cheap and worthless so-called "coffee" that spoil so many anticipated breakfasts. Buyers of cheap substitutes for "Mo-Ka" coffee have only the satisfaction that they did not waste more money on a tasteless or bad-tasting and unwholesome coffee which they were persuaded to accept.

If they had insisted on getting "Mo-Ka" and rejected all "just as good" they would have avoided all this annoyance.

"Mo-Ka" is a home brand. It is roasted at Saginaw and its full strength, freshness, aroma and flavor are preserved to the buyer, while the capitalist packages insure cleanliness and purity. Those who have not as yet tried "Mo-Ka" should do so at once, and they will be thankful for this advice from us. They will get good coffee for less than the price of worthless substitutes.

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Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, MAR. 7

Local and Neighborhood News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are one dollar per year. In ADVANCE. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondences, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

READER!

Please look at the date after the address on this paper, and see if it is followed by a X. If so, your subscription is due, unless I have made a mistake in my book keeping. If I have, please notify me at once. If I am right send me your dollar. It will not be much to you, but 800 of them will be a lot to me and will make my creditors happy. Do not put it off, but do it NOW.

Don't forget the date of the Fair. Look at the useful and fancy articles at the Fair.

A full line of Easter Post Cards await your inspection at Sorenson's.

Go to C. J. Hathaway for scientific optical work. Eyes examined free.

Be sure and bring your pocket book to the Fair.

Highest market price paid for hides.

PYM BROS.

Ice cream and cake at the Fair in the afternoon 10c.

25 lb. pails of International Stock Food \$3.00 at Fournier's Drug Store.

Don't forget to get your supper at the Fair. Fifteen cents pays the bill.

Fine watch repairing done at Hathaway's.

If you want an apron, waist, and buy it at the Fair. All kinds and sizes.

James Campbell has discharged the railroad company and now proposes to enjoy his farm near Standish.

A few Harrison steights left, light and heavy. Price low to close them out.

O. PALMER

Cold Breakers will cure your cold try it. For sale at Fournier's Drug Store.

Look up our subscription offers, and arrange for your next years reading at once.

Fresh butter and eggs just received from the country.

H. PETERSEN

For sewing machines the best in the market, and at the lowest price, call at the AVAHLANCHE office.

J. Leahy, the optician will soon be here again. For date see ad in this issue.

If you want a cup of good coffee and a mouthful of cake, you can get it at the Fair in the afternoon for only 10c.

One-fourth off on all Ladies' Muslin Underwear and Skirts for thirty days at S. H. & Co's store.

Four lots on Brink's addition, in very desirable location for sale cheap, as the owner desires to go at once. Call on or address:

MRS. FRED MILLER

The Ladies' Union of the Presbyterian church will hold their annual Easter Fair in the basement of the church, March 20 and 21.

The bill which passed both houses dividing the township of Frederic into two voting precincts is signed by the governor and is now a law. The citizens of Deward will be pleased.

March 8 the Ladies' Aid will serve a 10c lunch at the home of Mrs. A. L. Pond from 5 o'clock until 7:30. Every body invited. The ladies will begin their regular business at 2:30 o'clock.

H. C. Holbrook wants the party who found a heavy mitten which he lost over a week ago on the street to give it to him or call and get the mite to it as one is no good to either party.

Special prices on shirt waists (plain and fancy) during the month of March. Now is the time to have your summer sewing done. Always first class work and reasonable prices. Mrs. George Young, next door to Frank Tett's.

If you want a dinner set absolutely free, call at the store of Salling, Hanson and Company.

Friday afternoon, March 8, is the date when J. Leahy, the optician, will again be here, and will remain until Monday evening, at Dr. Inley's office.

F. C. Jennings wishes to inform the people of Grayling, that he can only take orders for nursery stock until the 16 of this month, stock to be delivered in April or May. If he has missed any one, and they wish anything in his line, drop him a card and he will call for your order.

During one year the people of the United States spent \$174,965,625 for newspapers, school books, and juvenile reading, magazines, periodicals, novels, technical and miscellaneous printed matter. Compare this with the drink bill of that year, \$1,249,191.53.

Candy Purity see Sorenson's ad.

For pure candy come to Sorenson's.

Born, March 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Eastman a daughter.

Special close out of lace, curtains at Sorenson's.

A good new milch cow for sale. Enquire at this office.

Miss Grace Jennings, one of our last summer graduates, is stenographer for Scott Bros. Electrical Co., Detroit.

Paul Miller offers his house for sale. It is in fine condition and located near the new flooring mill on the south side of the river. Price right.

Carl Collier, who has taken a position as foreman in the Bay City yards was home Tuesday for a day visit. He is well pleased with his job.

A fire in West Branch Tuesday morning, destroyed \$10,000 worth of seeds, for the Evans Seed Co., who had but slight insurance. The fire came from the once stove.

Miss Alma Peck has since New Years day, while convalescent from illness, completed a bed quilt containing 4,200 pieces and about 17000 stitching. All hand work.

FOR SALE: As good a work team as there is in the county. Weight about 2,700 pounds with harness and wagon. Can be bought right. Enquire at this office.

The Ladies' Union of the Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. Baker, Friday, March 8, at 2 o'clock. All the ladies please come prepared for work.

Mrs. Delevan Smith and Mrs. Freeland drove over to see Mrs. A. Cross and Mrs. J. Little, who are convalescing from their severe illness, one day last week, and left a beautiful bouquet to cheer them.

They propose to commence operations at once and put down at least one 13-inch test hole before spring, the depth of about 2,000 feet, and then continue to drill on their property a good oil flow is found.

The company has opened offices in Beaverton, and is in the co-operation of this city and Beaverton.

Mr. Sarber says they will probably build a refinery at Coleman to save the expense of a long pipe line to the southern fields. Gladwin Record.

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The Queen City Brand is made with Pure Sweet Centres and covered with a Rich Milk Chocolat Coating, making this a delightful eating confection.

A fresh line can always be had at

Sorenson's Candy Counter.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

[OFFICIAL]

Grayling, March 3, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council convened at the Court House.

L. E. Hum, President in the chair.

Present Trustees Fournier, Peter-

sen, Amidon, and McCullough.

Absent, Michelson and Connell.

Stepping called to order by the Presi-

dent.

Motion of the preceding meeting

regularly approved.

Moved and carried, that the re-

port of the Finance Committee be ac-

cepted and orders drawn for the sever-

al amounts. Motion carried.

Methodist Church.

Regular services preaching by the

Pastor morning and evening.

All are cordially invited.

Advanced Stage of Disease.

Dr. Warner's White Wine of Tar cured me when I was thought to be in the advanced stages of consumption. Mrs.

Minerva Burgess, Bayard, Ill. For sale at Central Drug Store.

Presbyterian Church.

Sabbath, March 10th.

10:30 a. m. Preaching.

Hold in Oldfield School.

6 p. m. C. E. Meeting. Topic:

Lessons from the Patriarchs. Abra-

ham May Smith is the leader.

7 p. m. Preaching.

7 p. m. Wednesday evening, midweek

prayer meeting.

An offering will be received for

Holme Missions on Sabbath morning.

March 10th.

All are cordially invited to attend

the meeting.

The Conductor.

Conductor Warren of the C. W. N. W.

White Wine of Tar by our agent, he

sold about 100 cases.

It cured him in 24 hours. For sale at Central Drug Store.

Lovell's Locals.

Prof. Bradley of Grayling, visited

our school last Friday. Come again

Prof.

There is rumor that a nursery is to

be started soon, near K. P. lake, not

for children, but for trees and shrubs.

Charles W. Miller spent Sunday in

Grayling, with his sister, Mrs. James

McNeven.

The voters of this precinct are very

much incensed with A. C. Carton's

reform starting bill. Every citizen of

the village offices for the ensuing year.

President—John F. Hanna.

Clerk—Hans Peter Olson.

Treasurer—Holger Hansson.

Members of Village Council—Lucie-

n—Fournier, Charles Clarke, Albert

Kraus.

Assessor—Fred Narren.

A farrier named Howard A. Cook-

ley, near Lewiston, sold his farm,

and last Friday loaded a car with his horses, carriage and implements, consigned

to a town in Ohio, and went through

here with the car, which reached De-

troit Saturday with no one in charge.

The stock was cared for by the R. R.

Co., and inquiry started to find the

man, who was located here Sunday in

care of Sheriff Amidon. He was dis-

covered early in the morning yesterday,

Horrigan, three miles south, by sec-

ond crew, wandering about the woods

and crazy, who reported to the Sheriff

and he brought him in. Both feet

were badly frozen.

How to Remain Young.

To continue young in health and

strength, as Mrs. N. F. Rowan, Mc-

Donald, Ga., did. She says: "I've

done away with Electric Bitters."

I can now do all my work with ease and assist in my husband's store." Guaranteed at

L. Fournier's Drug Store. Price 50c.

Uncle John

OIL AND GAS FIELDS.

Discovered in Warren, Beaverton and

Tobago Townships—Refinery

to be built.

The Coleman Independent gives the

following particulars of big oil dis-

covery in Midland and Gladwin coun-

ties:

X. O. J. Sarber and his associates

from Pittsburgh, who have been follow-

ing the oil veins from California east-

ward through Kansas, Kentucky and

Indiana and who have been the lead-

ers in opening the great oil fields in

Canada and the United States, have

been in this locality, studying the con-

ditions and soil-formations, and after

making several preliminary tests,

they have decided

Buy the Harrison Wagon.

The Best on Wheels.
For Sale and fully warranted by O. Palmer.

The Sunrise

By Jennet Johnson

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The man left the tiller go, and dropped both hands on his knees. The boat slid back and toward the helm again, slowly, obstinately. Forward his wife was wrapping her damp jacket around the little girl who showed signs of slumber. The boy was moving restlessly about, eager to help his father, and in the moonlight his thin little body looked ethereal and unreal.

"It's no use," the man said, "the tide's going out too strongly, and there's not a breath of wind in this confounded place!"

He caught his wife's glance, but she looked away quickly with tightened lips. The boat was drifting along the kelp床 now, and they heard the soft gurgle of stalks under the keel. A faint stir of air came from the brown-bluffed shore and roughened ever so slightly the still ripples under the moonlight.

"We'll have to tie up to the kelp," the man said, "and wait for the tide to turn. It must be about 12 now, and it will turn at five." The tone said, "make the best of it," but the woman flung up her head rebelliously.

They sat in the cold moonlight with no sound but the mysterious, fitful murmur of the water and the slay of the kelp. The boy began to shiver and yawn and his father wrapped him in his coat, offering his shoulder as a pillow. The dampness came strangely, silently, powerfully, like the moonlight, and cut into their very bones.

The woman sat upright, refusing sleep and bending over the baby curled in her lap. She was full of feelings as hard as cutting cold as the moonlight itself.

She glanced at her husband pulling at his empty pipe and staring ahead; it had been so like him—moved on impulse to take a moonlight sail, not ignorant of the wind or tide, but trusting gaily that the ebb would not begin nor the ocean breeze die down until they were back in the channel again! And if the children should take cold! The boy had been ill; they had come to the shore for his sake!

She bit her lip in misery. She should not have consented. She should have firmly forbidden the sail at the first. But it was too hard to put out the eager pleasure of those children's eyes—to play the part of Reproof, Reason, Unpleasant Authority! Already, she felt, the children came to her fearfully for permission. They loved her, yes, but she wasn't the person to enjoy life with! The burning realization came to her that they felt she was necessary for their living, but not for their loving. That one was the father, the happy-go-lucky boy, father who could devise picnics in a moment and whose pockets yielded a harvest of sweets and toys every evening after dinner. They loved him for the same humor and charm that had blinded her to the real man, or lack of real man, on their first meeting.

She remembered that day perfectly—the originality of it all that had fascinated her into thinking that it was the beginning of the greatest epoch in her life.

She remembered her delight at the wedding journey how they had slipped away to the station and seated themselves in a remote corner, sans tickets, sans plans and sans responsibility. As a special favor, she recalled, he had allowed her to pick out their responsibility, a tanned fellow in tweeds with a leather-tackled bag and red case.

"There," she had whispered, "go just behind him, Teddy, and get two tickets to the place where he is going."

The weeks in that lovely trout country had been perfect. Ah, why could not life go on calling for nothing but humor and appreciation?

But the next chapter—dissensions had come speedily. When the boy was born she had been in the self-sacrificing chapter, and now she had reached rebellion.

In these seven years she had had to admit that she had married the humor of the man and that humor as not one of the bigger things—indeed she decided that she had lost her sense of humor.

Now she said to herself with a grim humor that if they had been poorer their marriage would have been one of those which are a synonym for taking in washing. She was worn out with those years as provider, father, mother, teacher—everything but playfellow—she blamed him for letting the double responsibility crush out her fun, her humor; she blamed him for taking all of the children's love; she blamed him for everything that her active brain could call up in those seven hard years. She shut her teeth tightly and clenched her cold fingers in scorn.

They would leave him. The children should see him sometimes, and when they were grown they would understand. Yes, when they reached home she would tell him.

A curious gray began to come into the sky. Suddenly the man leaned forward. He was watching a bit of melon rind floating slowly toward the boat. Opposite it almost stopped, and the man caught his breath sharply.

"Shirley, take the boy," he whispered. "I'm going to row."

The blunt-nosed skiff moved slowly from the kelp as the man bent his strength over the oars. The children woke up, and the father talked to them in his jolly way. Their "little spread" he called it, and offered his

a little of smoking tobacco "to chew on—for comfort." The boy laughed and reported the progress with a child's delight over an inch of gain, but his mother leaned back against the damp gunwale, sick with cold and disgust.

The boy sat by the prow, the little girl fell asleep again with her head in her mother's lap. In and out, in and out the man dipped the oars, and in the silence the boat crawled forward.

A change had been creeping over the sky so silently and gradually that it seemed to have no beginning. The woman only knew that another light different from the yellow-white moonlight had come. It was a wonderful

coming, that of the pearl morning. The shadow of the little, moored sloop they crept up to, and beyond was mirrored in gray water.

The woman offered formally to row, accepting calmly the man's short smile of refusal. She was too cold and tired to feel any inward thing now—vaguely she knew that the man was worn out, that his breath was gasping, but she was numb even to sacred head.

The Achilles heel of a man is his hat. He must guard that as he does his reputation, for it is at once his strength and his weakness. It would hurt an archbishop less in the eyes of the public to commit a crime than to wear his hat on the back of his sacred head.

It is the aim of all human creatures to look alike. If it were not so each would dress as he pleased. As it is we spend half our life trying to look like everybody else. To be conspicuous is nearly a crime, and for this reason we so frantically pursue the fashions.

Suddenly the woman felt within her a strong sensation of strange pleasure. Her tired brain refused to analyze it; she only knew that something warmed her numbness and cold, and that life seemed a pleasanter thing. As she came to the morrow, she stood up and looked toward the lightening sky. Over the breakwater and through the rude row of fishermen's catkins glowed the first pink of sunrise.

She had never felt so moved before. She wondered if she were not another woman, one of the simile creatures, who always smiled pityingly upon those who find life worth while simply because they are wife and mother of a home. Nonsense! she was her self, cold, angry and determined. And yet she felt like singing.

Silently they went past the sleeping cottages to their own. The true

woman wastes on her clothes? Why

men were to spend as much time a

their tailors or buying their neckt

the world's work would never be done

When one looks back on one's life

one's feminine life—it is melanchol

to realize how much of one's trouble

are owing to one's clothes.

I remember the despairing cry of

a woman looking hopelessly through he

wardrobe: "I should have been a be

ter woman if I had been born with

feathers!" How well I know jus

what she meant! She was examining

disconsolately a shabby white sati

ts; its pleated cotton skirt. "I wish

she were a guinea hen with respectab

le speckled feathers!" she cried, as she

gave a discouraged slam to the ward

robe door. Then I wouldn't use u

three-quarters of my intellect get

ting the wrong things cheap!"

Sunday clothes are the most tyran

ical in the world. It takes a heroic

woman to go to church in anything

but her best. Subconsciousness is the

precious faculty bestowed on a privi

leged few of hearing the sermon and

at the same time studying hate.

have known a tulle dress—the sweet

est and most innocent looking thing in

the world—to go out on an icy cold

winter night—would go you know—

and kill the girl inside.

I assure those feminine pioneers

who claim for their rights that above

everything else they should demand

equality of pockets. Try to imagine

a maid doing his errands with a purse,

handkerchief and shopping list in one

hand, and the tall of his skirt in the

other, his umbrella under one arm.

meanwhile having an effort to keep

his head clear for business problems

and at the same time keeping a war

eye out for motors. He couldn't do it

If the worthy ladies who have so much

enthusiasm, and who will interrupt

our great orators while they are busy

being eloquent would only demand a

law requiring every woman to have

16 pockets what a splendid service

they would do their bothered sex.

Once I met a man who was lured

from the joys of Piccadilly, just as he

stood in frock coat and top hat, to a

rural retreat, five miles from a rail

way station. "Goodby," he said, in an

impulsive burst of rapture. "I fear my

soul was not in harmony with nature.

"Don't blame your soul," I said as

we shook hands; "your soul was a

right, but you had on the wrong hat!"

A Youthful Ulysses.

A Greek boy, ten years old, who

name requires 23 letters in the alph

abet, he left home yes, to sether. Sim

ilarly he felt there in the golden

light how very incomplete she was

alone—how impossible a life alone

would be for her. She planned inside

again at the half-well boat and at

her husband's white face beside her

and the meaning of her strange joy

at the landing when she had stood

close against him flushed over her

face. Were needed to make the real

home—she felt that now—the woman

and the man she loved. There was,

all unreasonably, magically, the right

one, the keystone to her own com

pleted life, and now the woman

was turned and looked and acknowledging

had she meant to be angry? Were

there past and future vexations to

trouble? It all seemed very vague

and far away from this present ful

lomen in the new sunshine.

Maintaining Chinese Students.

Owing to the frequent complaints

sent to Peking by the Chinese minis

ters in the various capitals of Europe

and America concerning the irregular

ity of fees granted to governments up

ported Chinese students abroad, and

on the recommendation of Sir Chen

Liang Cheng, K. C. M. G., the

Chinese minister to the United States,

for the uniform allowance to these

students, the Chinese government has

after due investigation into the mat

ter, drawn up rules fixing their fees

including medical expenses and all:

Students in England, £102 in a year

in the United States, \$900 in gold in a

year.—*Chinese Times.*

He Mistook.

He was treating his pretty old cousin to the opera.

"Wouldn't you like to step out and get a libretto, Josh?" she said, as the first curtain fell.

"No," said he, "by gosh, I wouldn't. A fellow who can't set out a show 'bout sneakin' out 'twixt every act

for librettos and cocktails and such ain't no man, 'cordin' to my way of thinkin'."

HELD IN SLAVERY

ALL MANKIND SUBJECT TO TYRANNY OF FASHION.

IMPOSSIBLE IN THIS DAY AND GENERATION TO DRESS AS ONE PLEASES.

THE DESPAIRING CRY OF ONE WOMAN.

Clothes and all their little accessories are without doubt the invention of the devil, says John Lane, in the *Fortnightly Review*. The other day I was at a garden party, and there

Notice.

To the owner or owners of any and all interest in